



**2015 USACE Exercise - December 1, 2015**

**New Madrid Seismic Zone - Earthquake**  
**FEMA Mission, Legal Authorities and Regional**  
**Capability Overview**

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**NEW MADRID**  
**SEISMIC ZONE**

# FEMA Mission Statement

FEMA's mission is to **support** our **citizens** and **first responders** to ensure that as a nation we **work together** to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, responds to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

# FEMA's Primary Responsibility

Coordinate the efficient and timely delivery of Federal disaster relief to **support** and **supplement** the efforts and capabilities of state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments, eligible nonprofit organizations, and individuals affected by a declared major disaster or emergency.

# FEMA's Legal Authorities

FEMA's incident management activities are based on the following authorities:

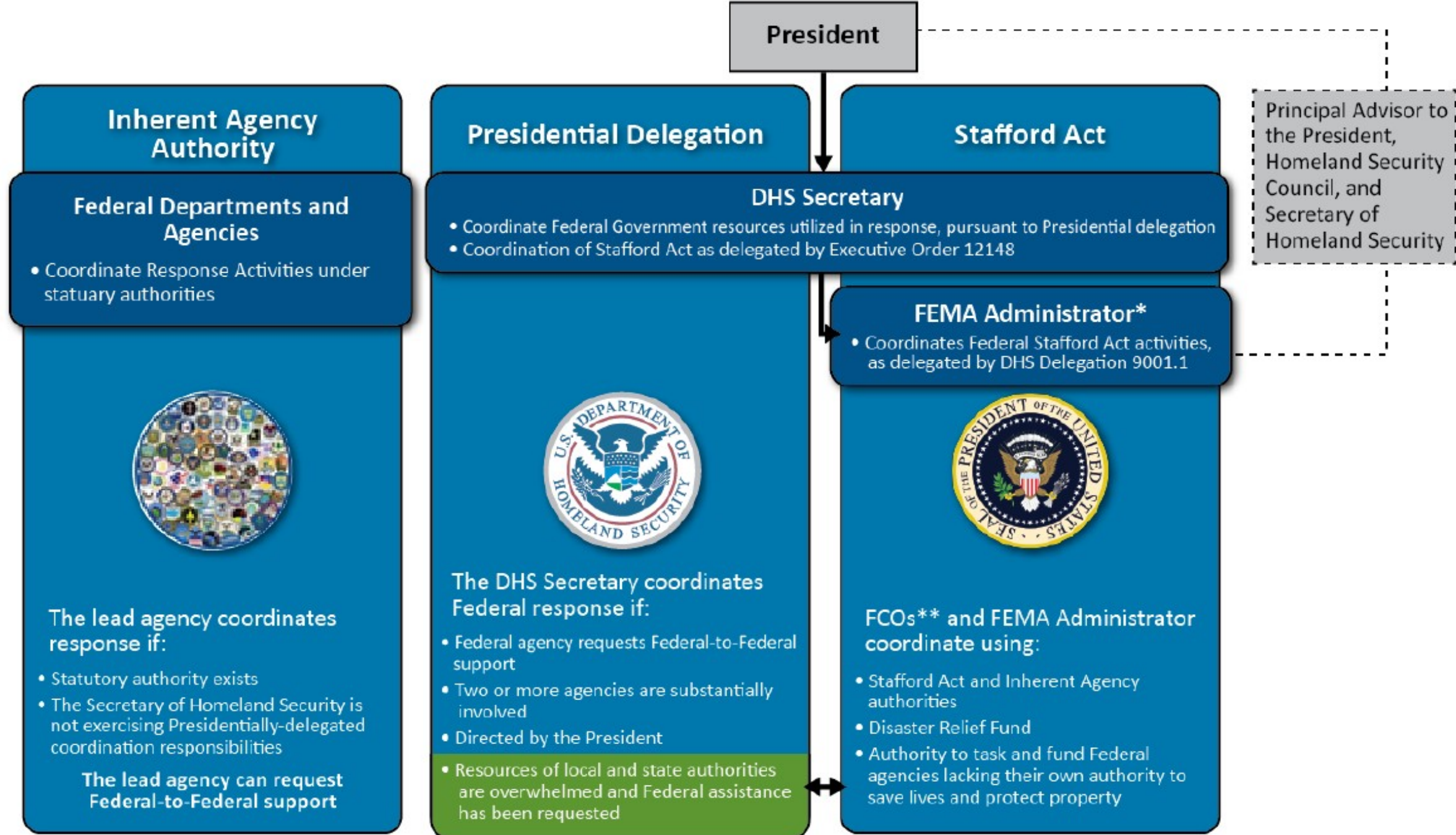
- ✓ Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act)
- ✓ Sandy Recovery Improvement Act (SRIA)
- ✓ Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (PKEMRA)
- ✓ Homeland Security Act (HSA).

# FEMA Policy and Doctrine

- ✓ National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- ✓ National Response Framework (NRF)
- ✓ National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)
- ✓ National Mitigation Framework

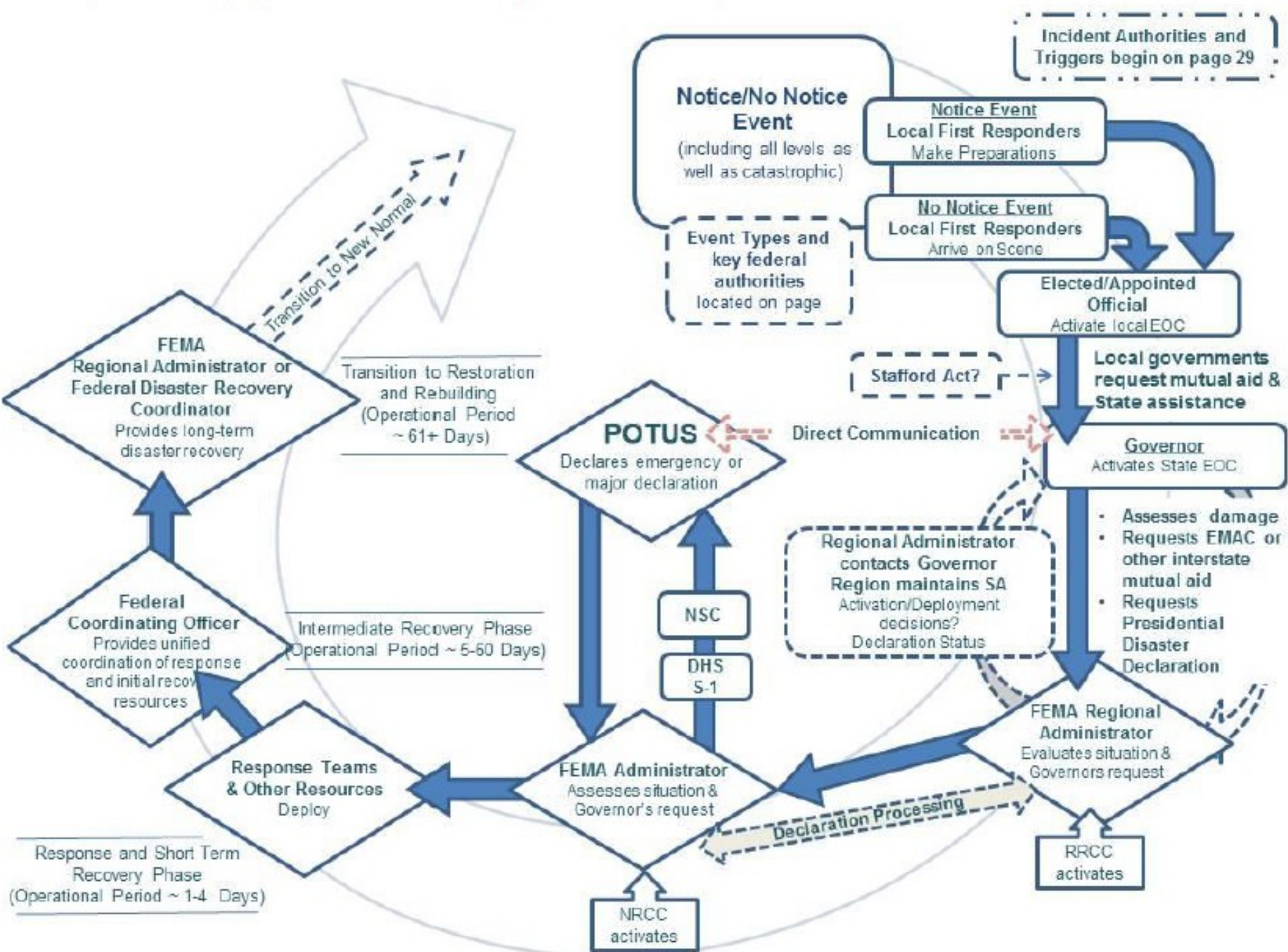
Provide key foundational doctrine and guidance for incident management activities.



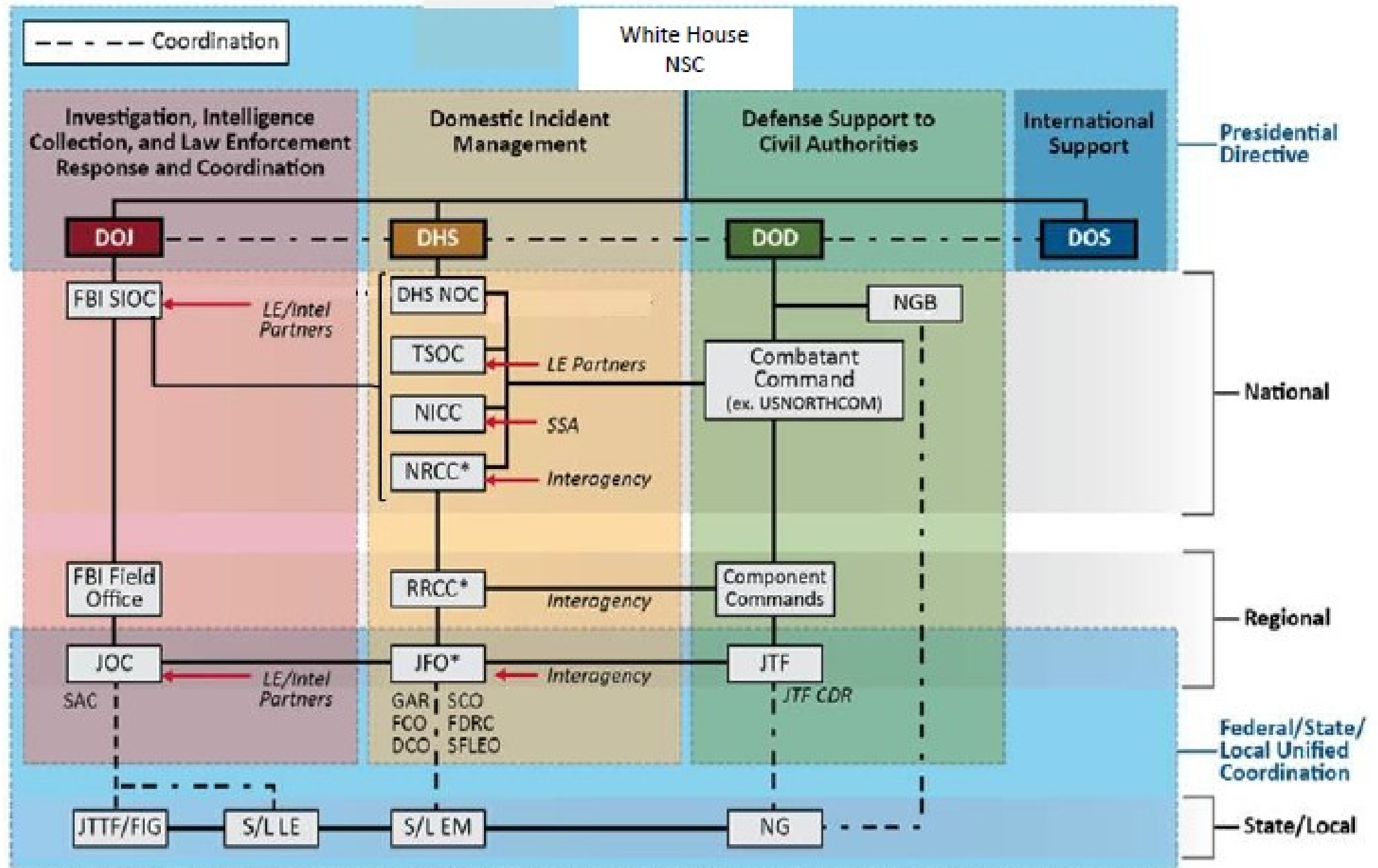


\* The Administrator has additional standing Authority For Response under the Homeland Security Act and Title VI of the Stafford Act

\*\* Authority also comes directly from the President when appointed under Section 302 of the Stafford Act



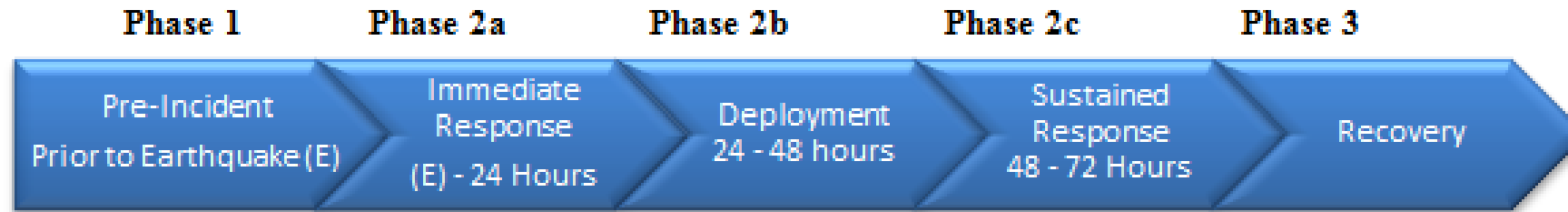




\* Or other appropriate coordination center for non-Stafford Act incidents



# FEMA Response Phases



**Phase 1 - Pre-Incident:** FEMA provides guidance, funding and assistance to state and local governments for community education and preparedness.

**Phase 2a - Immediate Response:** Immediate federal response to life-saving and life sustaining actions in anticipation of state needs , gaining situational awareness to determine the scope of additional federal support, and notifying personnel, departments and agencies to assist in saving lives and reducing casualties.

Incident Support is the coordination of all Federal resources that support emergency response, recovery, logistics, and mitigation. Responsibilities include the deployment of national-level assets, support of national objectives and programs affected during the incident, and support of incident operations with resources, expertise, information, and guidance.

**FEMA Administrator**

**Director of Disaster Operations**

**NRCS Chief**

### **National Response Coordination Staff (NRCS)**

Coordinates the overall Federal support for major disasters and emergencies, including catastrophic incidents and emergency management program implementation, at the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC)

**Situational Awareness Section**

**Planning Support Section (ESF 5)**

**Resource Support Section**

**Center & Staff Support Section**

**Knowledge Group (ESF 5 and 15)**

**GIS / Technical Specialists**

**Individual Assistance Group (ESF 1, 6, 11)**

**Emergency Services Group (ESF 4, 8, 9, 10, 13)**

**Infrastructure Assets Group (ESF 3, 12, 13)**

**Operational Support Group (ESF 2, 7)**

(FEMA National Incident Support Manual)

\*See P. 17 for a listing of Emergency Support Functions.

# FEMA Response Phases Continued



## **Phase 2b - Deployment:**

Additional resources and staffing will deploy or stand-up in order to successfully operate JFOs, Federal Staging Areas (FSAs) and/or any additional response support needs.

## **Phase 2c - Sustained Response:**

Employment of teams at the incident site, saving lives, sheltering, and restoring critical systems. Stability of the incident is intended to take place 72 hours after the incident.

- **Phase 3 - Recovery:** The primary focus of Phase 3 is both short-term and long-term recovery.
  - **Short-term Recovery:** debris removal, damage assessments, providing essential public health, medical, safety and security services.
  - **Long-Term Recovery:** assisting individuals and families, restoring critical infrastructure, essential government and commercial services to states.

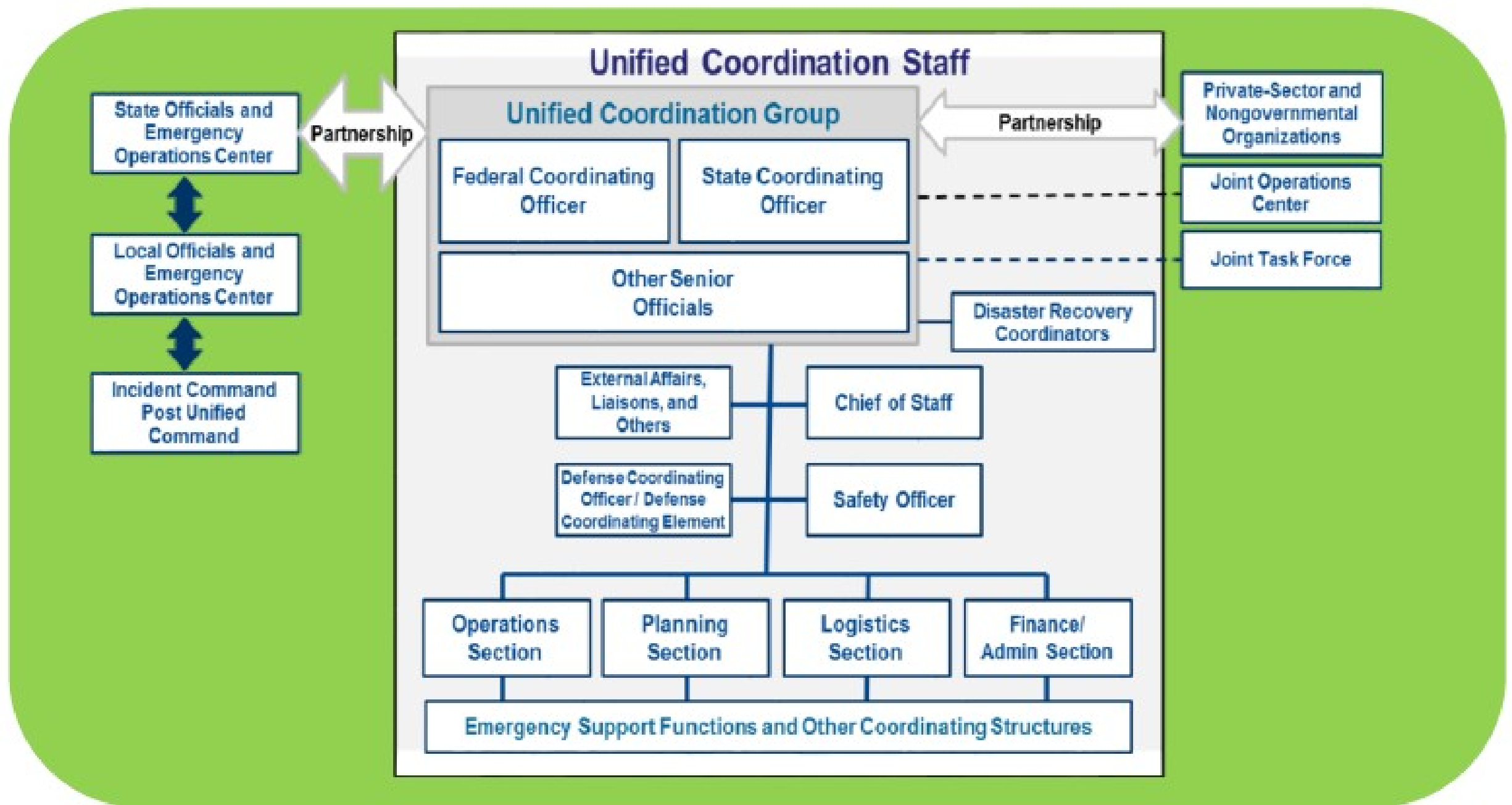


# FEMA Mission Assignments

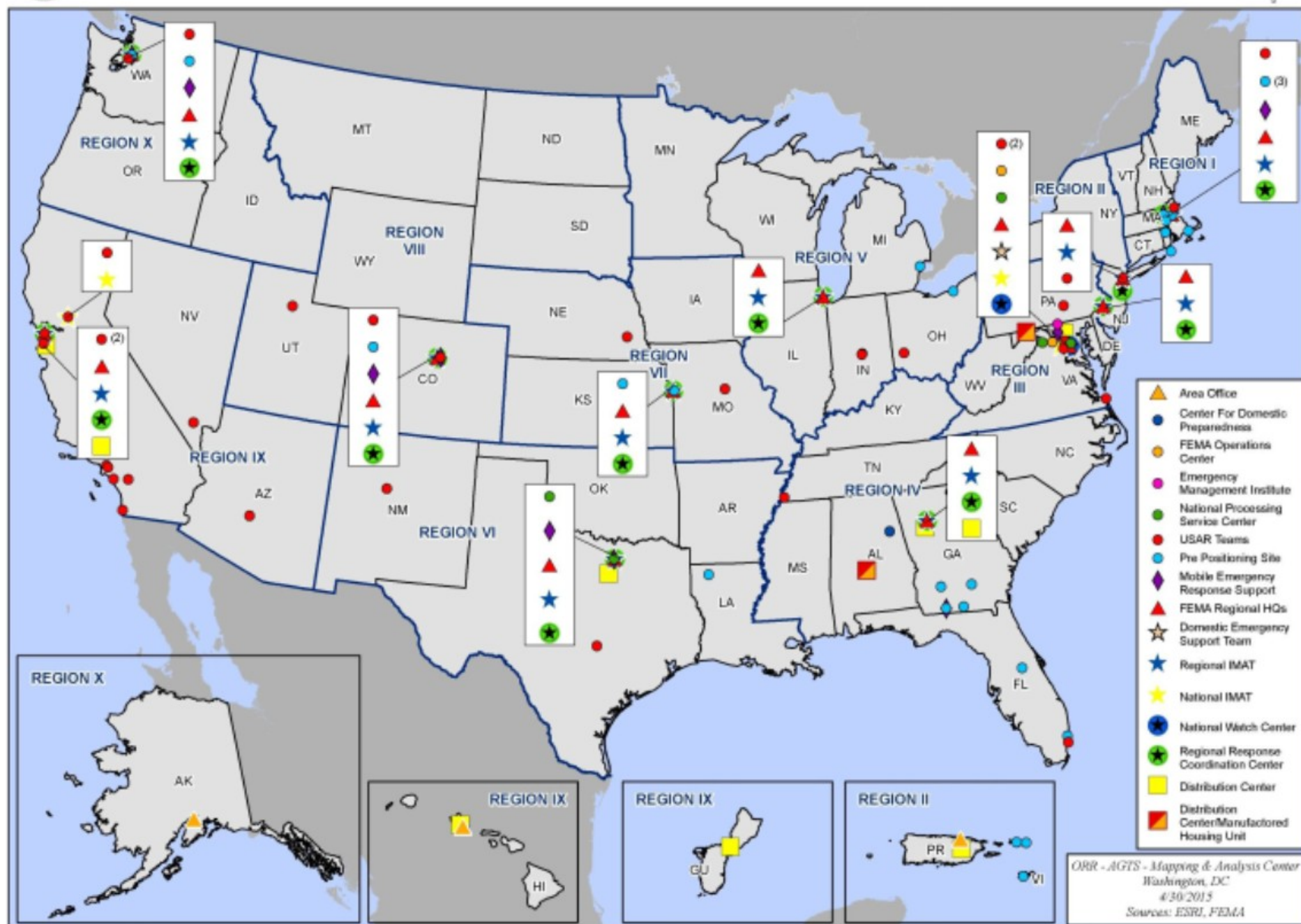
FEMA uses Mission Assignments (MAs) to task and reimburse other federal departments and agencies to provide direct assistance during emergencies and disasters. FEMA may also use Pre-Scripted Mission Assignments (PSMAs), which are prepared in advance to facilitate a more rapid response and standardize the process of developing mission assignments.

ESFs that may use assigned PSMAs:

- ESF 1 – DOT
- ESF 2 – FCC
- ESF 3 – USACE
- ESF 4 – USFS
- ESF 6 – Mass Care
- ESF 7 – GSA
- ESF 8 – HHS
- ESF 9 – Search and Rescue
- ESF 10 – USCG
- ESF 11 – USDA
- ESF 12 – Department of Energy
- ESF 13 – DOJ, DOD









Organization of Unified Coordination Staff





# Region V Federal Staging Areas (FSA)

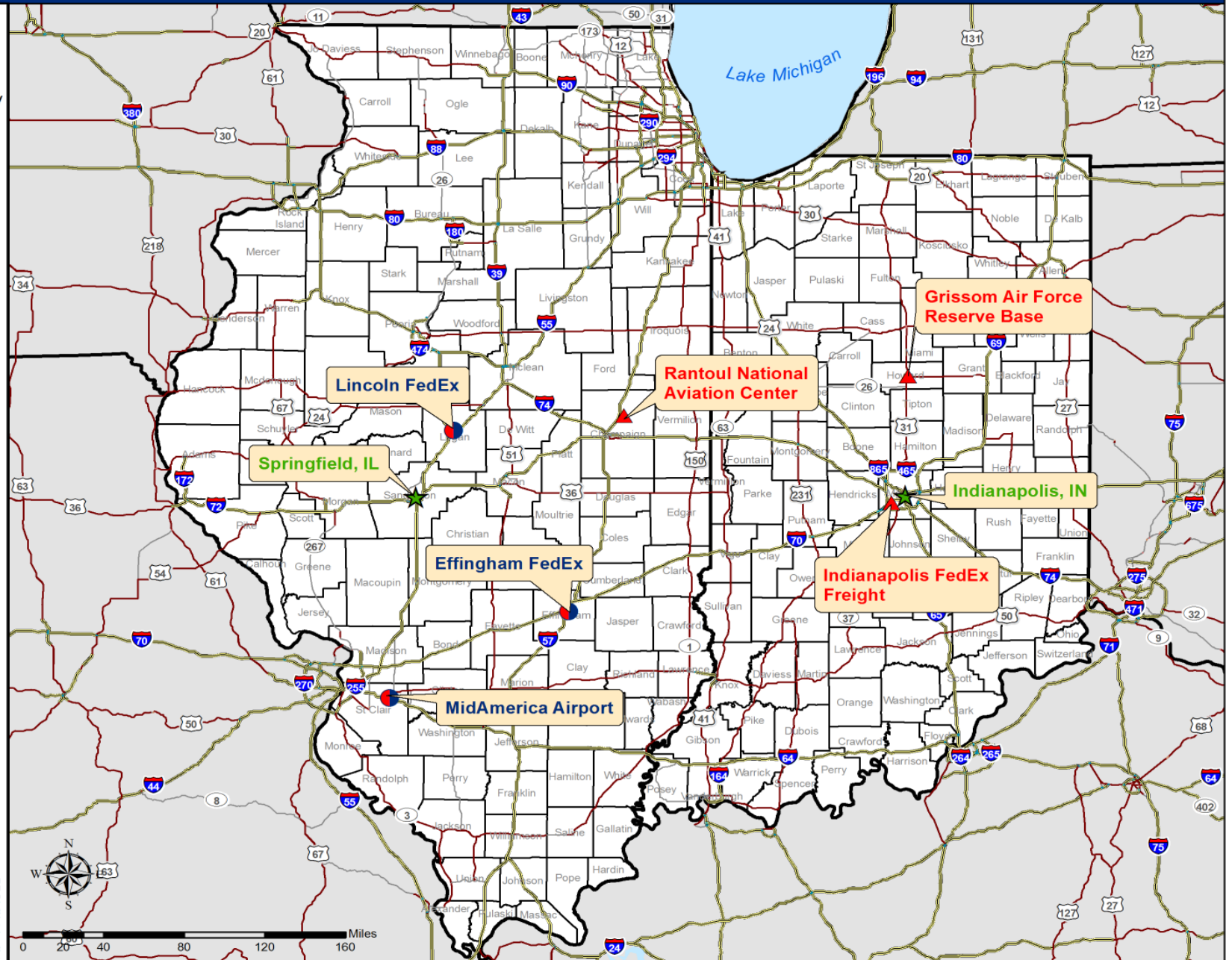
## Legend

-  Great Lakes
-  State Boundary
-  Counties
-  State Capital
-  Primary FSA
-  Alternate FSA



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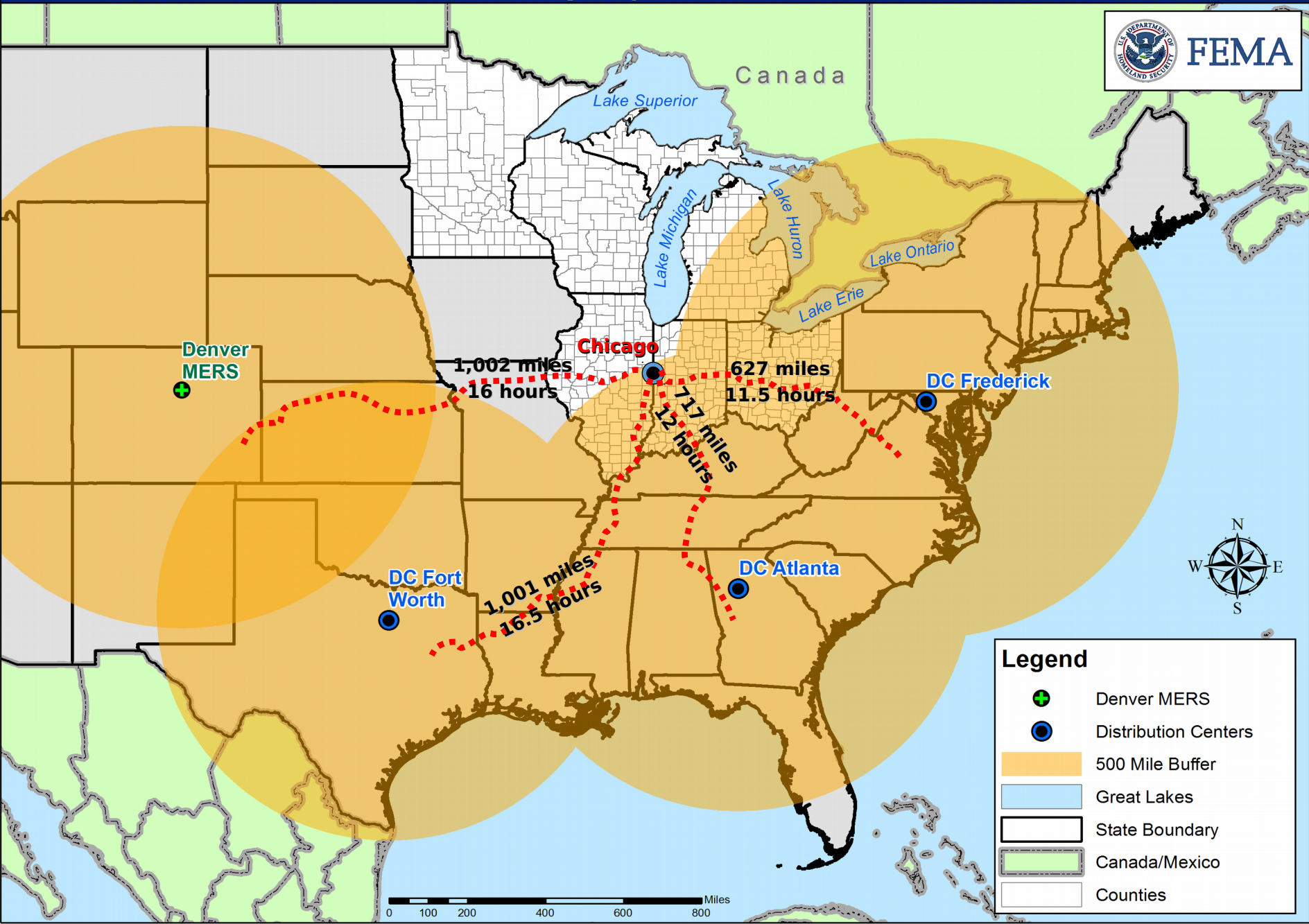
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# FEMA Region V Distribution Centers(DC) and Denver Mobile Emergency Response Support (MERS)



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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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